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MAN DIES IN FLAMING CRASH

Small Sports Car Explodes Into Flames

A young Hermosa Beach man burned to death early Thursday morning after his small foreign sports car burst into flame in a collision at Artesia Boulevard and Prairie Avenue. Killed in the accident was Ronald Clifton Grubb, 21. Taken into custody by police was Laverne Grover Selt, 35, of Los Angeles, driver of the other car.

Grubb's red sports car, which he had purchased only a few days before the accident, was engulfed in flames with Grubb sitting behind the wheel when police arrived upon the scene.

OFFICIALS of a Torrance mortuary removed his body from the charred wreckage. Five police units converged upon the scene and traffic control was necessary for about an hour after the accident which occurred about 12:30 a.m.

Belt was taken to a hospital for a blood alcohol test and then to the police station for booking on charges of suspicion of felony drunk driving and manslaughter. He suffered a minor cut on his lip which did not require medical treatment.

GRUBB'S body was burned beyond recognition, police said. The body was taken to Stone and Meyers Mortuary where funeral services were held at 2 p.m. yesterday with the Rev. Bob Dehn of the Torrance First Baptist Church officiating.

The victim worked as a clerk for the Santa Fe Railroad. Survivors include his widow Virginia L. and two daughters, Rhonda Lee and Laura Lynn, all of the Hermosa Beach home; mother and father, P. M. Grubb of Walnut Park, Calif.

THERE WERE no passengers in either of the two vehicles involved in the accident. Belt is the assistant manager of a Torrance shoe store.

"I hurried to the burning vehicle to help the driver but was unable to get close to the vehicle due to the flames being everywhere," Belt told police.

KC Installs Officers for Next Year

Charles Butterfield, 22713 Cypress St., has been elected grand knight of the St. Gerard Council of the Knights of Columbus. Butterfield also was grand knight during the 1960-61 term.

Butterfield is a member of the Nativity Parish, the Holy Name Society, and a fourth degree knight in Father Have Assembly. He is married and has seven children. Butterfield is employed at the Cal-Metal Corp. in Torrance.

OTHER OFFICERS elected during the regular meeting last week were Frank Stone, deputy grand knight; Harvey Lee, chancellor; Ed Abbott, advocate; Dick Joosten, warden; Larry DeFrance, secretary; Leo Winters, treasurer; and Jim Neary, financial secretary; guards are Tony Horvat and Paul Linneberger. Gordon Hicks, Leo Tanke and Harold Pope were elected trustees.

St. Gerard Council meets on the first and third Mondays. Membership in the Council is open to all Catholic men over 18 years of age. Additional information may be obtained from any of the newly elected officers.

Toastmaster Club Meets; Hears Talks

Beatrice Peterson won the trophy for the best prepared speech at the weekly meeting of the Torrance-Lomita Realtors Toastmasters Club. She spoke on "My Life and Yours."

Forrest Beyrer acted as toastmaster of the day and presided over the meeting.

Robert Westerfield won the best critic award. General evaluator for the program was Harold Lippard.

Table topics award was won by Don Mario for his talk on "Prevarication." The impromptu speaking winner was George Hanback.

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Valley Forge Ceremonies Mark Event

Award of the Freedoms Foundation American Educators Medal to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, was announced here yesterday. Selection of the educator for the award was made by the Awards Jury of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Penn.

Two-Year-Old Dies, Rites On Saturday

The 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Imamura of 1517 W. 223rd St., died Thursday night after becoming ill at home.

Carol Donna Imamura, 2, was pronounced dead at 12:45 at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The attending doctor said possible cause of death was post measles illness since the child was getting over the measles.

The child became ill at home about 11:30 a.m. and was taken to a doctor who told the parents to meet him at the hospital. On the way to the hospital she stopped breathing, police said. At the hospital the baby was given oxygen, open heart massage and other treatments with negative results, police added.

Funeral services for the girl were held at graveside at Pacific Crest Cemetery Saturday with the Rev. Hugh R. Percy, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiating.

In addition to her parents, Carol leave five brothers and sisters.

City Council Meets Tuesday

Torrance City Councilmen will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday evening in the Council Chambers. Last week's meeting was postponed because several councilmen and Mayor Isen were attending the National Conference of Mayors in Hawaii.

Rafferty Charges Politics Detracting From Education

Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, warned parents Wednesday evening that it was up to them to tell Governor Brown and some state legislators to "stop playing politics with our kids" if they want to help their children.

Rafferty spoke to a crowd of about 300 at the Smith Brothers Fish Shanty under the sponsorship of the seven Southwestern Republican groups.

RAFFERTY TOLD the audience that he had never seen such blatant use of political power as is now being used in California politics to the detriment of school children in all his years as an administrator and educator. He cited his recent recommendations to insti-

tute a pilot program to solve the dropout problem during the evening as evidence of what he meant.

"What could be less political than that?" he asked. "Yet, Jesse Unruh saw politics in it. His attempts to have a special appointment made to head the program has resulted in a less effective program law," Rafferty said.

THE superintendent said he felt like Alice in Wonderland "where everything is backwards." He cited modern poets, painters, and sculptors who, he said, had abandoned any attempt to communicate with people.

Some modern art has degenerated into obscenity — the drama has become "downright



HOME AGAIN . . . Parnell Jones (right) discusses recent Indianapolis "500" victory with Councilman George Vico (left) and Vel Mileich of Vel's Ford Sales during "Welcome Home" celebration at the Ford agency yesterday afternoon. On hand to congratulate Jones were city officials, civic leaders, and members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Vel's Ford was an early sponsor of Jones during his racing career. (Herald Photo)

Smith Takes Over Jaycee Presidency From Brewster

Harold Smith, a design engineer at AiResearch Corp. and immediate past state director, was installed as president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce last night. Installation ceremonies were held at the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro with members and guests of the Jaycees in attendance.

Smith succeeds George Brewster as president of the civic association. He heard the retiring president review the record of accomplishment during the past year and challenge

the incoming officers to continue the drive for members and the service to the community. Smith accepted the challenge and outlined his plans for the new year.

INSTALLED WITH Smith for the coming year were James Ackroyd and Henry Rice, vice presidents; Thomas Stade, treasurer; William Burbank, secretary; and George Brewster, state director. New members of the board include Ronald Davis, Douglas Hedde,

William Faulds, Arthur Reid, and Harold Lindborg.

William Faulds, outgoing vice president, was named Jaycee of the Year for his enthusiasm, initiative and leadership in the numerous projects he participated in. Jaycee of the Month awards were also presented. Winners were William Burbank for March, James Ack-

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JAYCEE SWITCH . . . George Brewster (left), outgoing president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, passes gavel to Harold Smith in traditional exchange of office symbols. Smith was installed yesterday as the new president of the young man's civic booster group. (Herald Photo)

ONE OF THE symbols of the 20th century, he told the audience, he told the audience, he told the audience. (Continued on Page 2)

A Penny for your Thoughts

Graduation was the big news in Torrance last Thursday, so The HERALD asked five West High seniors what their future plans were.

Richard Grossman, 4218 Carmen St.:

"I am going to enroll at the University of Southern California. I will eventually become a dentist. In the meantime, I hope to work during the summer and earn some money for college."

Naomi Swartzman, 20813 Felker Dr.:

"I am going to Long Beach State College in the fall. I will major in art and minor in music, and hope to get a secondary teaching credential. I have been teaching piano and will continue to do so through the summer."

Tim May, 5622 Marialinda St.:

"I plan to go to Pacific University in Oregon. I will major in history or one of the humanities and will either get a teacher's credential or work toward a career in the ministry."

Nancy Shartle, 5539 Emerald St.:

"I am going to UCLA in the fall and major in veterinary medicine. This summer I will work for the Torrance Recreation Dept. Some day I want to go to Africa to help in making a better life for the people there."

David Lee, 5516 Konya Dr.:

"I will work for the Recreation Dept. this summer, and in September I am going to Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore. I am going to major in political science, then to seminary school to prepare for a career in the ministry."

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